



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Memorandum of Understanding in Brief for Energy Partners



Energy Partners include power providers, marketers, and energy end users. By signing the Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) Energy Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), you are entering into a voluntary partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the goal of developing cost-effective and environmentally beneficial landfill gas (LFG) energy projects. This sheet briefly summarizes the responsibilities of each partner—EPA and the Energy Partner.

EPA LMOP Responsibilities

- Assist in finding landfills with available landfill gas (LFG) (i.e., potential project locations) and assist projects by providing relevant information, project feasibility evaluations, and technical assistance, where appropriate, and, if warranted, assist in the resolution of project issues or problems.
- Provide program support, including prototype customer marketing and communication materials and workshop/seminar organization.
- Help facilitate green power/green pricing marketing programs. Supply information on green power, utility restructuring, and how LFG can fit into these initiatives.
- Evaluate existing and planned policies and programs with an impact on the LFG industry and work with other government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels, as appropriate, to remove barriers and to encourage the development of effective policies and programs to promote LFG energy recovery.
- Provide technical support for the demonstration of innovative energy recovery options, where appropriate.
- Publicly recognize the Partner's participation in LFG projects.
- Designate an EPA LMOP liaison and notify Partner of any change in the designated liaison.

Energy Partner Responsibilities

- Complete a corporate energy profile that includes: current LFG project information, renewables purchasing policies and procedures, and corporate environment goals, and update this information annually.
- Appoint a representative as LMOP Coordinator and notify EPA of any relevant changes.
- Consider incorporating LFG energy recovery into your business objectives and/or promoting LFG energy recovery to your customers. Submit a statement of the options being considered upon joining the program and update this statement on an annual basis describing the activities undertaken during the previous year. These activities might include:
 - Direct purchase of LFG energy.
 - Consider development of a LFG green marketing initiative.
 - Cooperation with key customers like municipal governments or potential end-users on mutually beneficial project development.
 - Participation in an emerging technology demonstration project, such as fuel cells or microturbine applications.
 - Development of an educational effort aimed at the general public or at targeted groups, such as schools, to publicize the benefits of LFG energy and the Energy Partner's involvement in these types of projects.